

# 2002 – 2008 General Election Comparison<sup>1</sup>

	'02	'04	'06	'08
# General Election Candidates	369	391	389	374
# Clean Election Candidates (CEC)	230	309	314	303
% Using Clean Elections	62%	79%	81%	81%
# of CE Legislators	111	145	156	158
% of legislature CE	60%	78%	84%	85%

<b>House and Senate Candidates</b>	'02	'04	'06	'08
# Senate Candidates	71	73	77	77
# Senate CEC	51	58	66	59
% Using Clean Elections	72%	79%	86%	77%
# CE Senate Winners	27	29	29	28
% of Senate CE	77%	83%	83%	80%
# House Candidates	298	318	312	297
# House CEC	179	249	248	244
% Using Clean Elections	60%	78%	79%	82%
# CE House Winners	84	116	127	130
% of House CE	56%	77%	84%	86%

<b>By Party</b>	'02	'04 <sup>2</sup>	'06	'08
# Republicans	168	182	180	167
# Republican CEC	91	130	131	119
% Republicans Using CE	54%	71%	72%	71%
# Republican CEC Winners	35	60	58	51
% Republican CEC who won	38%	46%	44%	43%
# Democrats	173	180	185	186
# Democrat CEC	122	155	171	169
% Democrats Using CE	70.5%	86%	92%	91%
# Democrat CEC Winners	72	83	99	106
% Democrat CEC who won	60%	53.5%	58%	63%
# Greens	11	20	11	9
# Green CEC	8	16	7	7
% Greens Using CE	73%	80%	64%	78%
# Green CEC Winners	1	1	0	0
# Un-enrolled/Other Party	n/a	9	13	12
# Un-enrolled/Other Party CEC	n/a	6	5	8
% Other Using CE	n/a	67%	38%	67%
# Un-enrolled/Other Party Winners	n/a	1	2	1

<sup>1</sup> Beginning in 2008, write-in candidates were required to register with the Secretary of State in order to have their votes counted in elections for state office. Data for 2008 includes the five write-in candidates who registered: Stephen Singleton (Independent, Senate District 21), Josiah Wilson (Republican, Senate District 22), Joseph Greenier (Democrat, Senate District 23) was included, Sheyenne York (Democrat, House District 55), and Jarody (Independent, House District 57).

<sup>2</sup> Senator Art Mayo ran and won his race in 2004 as a Republican, however he switched parties to become a Democrat shortly after the election. For this analysis, he is considered a Republican.

**Further Breakdown by Party:  
Republicans**

	'02	'04	'06	'08
# Republican Senate Candidates	35	34	35	36
# Republican Senate CEC	25	27	30	27
% Using CE	71%	79%	86%	75%
# Republican Senators	17	17	17	15
# Republican CE Senators	13	14	14	12
% Republican CE Senators	77%	82%	82%	80%
# Republican House Candidates	133	148	145	131
# Republican House CEC	66	103	101	92
% Using CE	50%	70%	69%	70%
# Republican House Members	67	73	60	54
# Republican CE House Members	22	46	41	39
% Republican CE House Members	33%	63%	68%	72%

**Further Breakdown by Party:  
Democrats**

	'02	'04	'06	'08
# Democrat Senate Candidates	31	34	35	36
# Democrat Senate CEC	24	28	32	29
% Using CE	78%	82%	91%	81%
# Democrat Senators	18	18	18	20
# Democrat CE Senators	14	15	15	16
% Democrat CE Senators	78%	83%	83%	80%
# Democrat House Candidates	142	146	150	150
# Democrat House CEC	98	127	139	140
% Using CE	69%	87%	93%	93%
# Democrat House Members	80	76	89	96
# Democrat CE House Members	58	68	84	90
% Democrat CE House Members	73%	89%	94%	94%

<b>Incumbents</b>	<b>'02</b>	<b>'04</b>	<b>'06</b>	<b>'08</b>
Total # of Incumbents	122	125	140	135
# CEC Incumbents	62	95	115	108
% Using Clean Elections	51%	76%	82%	80%
# Incumbents Re-elected	107	115	127	125
% Incumbents Re-elected	88%	92%	91%	93%
# CEC Incumbents Re-elected	57	87	106	100
% CEC Incumbents Re-elected	92%	92%	92%	93%
# Incumbents in Senate	27	21	28	27
# Senate CEC Incumbents	21	18	23	21
% Using Clean Elections	78%	86%	82%	78%
# Senate Incumbents Re-elected			27	25
# Senate CEC Incumbents Re-elect			22	19
# Incumbents in House	95	105	112	108
# House CEC Incumbents	41	77	92	87
% Using Clean Elections	43%	73%	82%	81%
# House Incumbents Re-elected			100	100
# House CEC Incumbents Re-elect			84	81

<b>Challengers</b>	<b>'02</b>	<b>'04</b>	<b>'06</b>	<b>'08</b>
Total # of Challengers	125	133	152	134
# CEC Challengers	83	103	122	102
% Using Clean Elections	66%	78%	80%	76%
# Challengers Elected	23	13	13	10
% Challengers Elected	18%	10%	9%	7%
# CEC Challengers Elected	14	11	12	10
% CEC Challengers Elected	17%	11%	10%	10%
# Challengers in Senate	24	21	35	33
# Senate CEC Challengers	17	17	29	24
% Using Clean Elections	71%	81%	83%	73%
# Challengers in House	101	112	117	101
# House CEC Challengers	66	85	93	78
% Using Clean Elections	65%	76%	79%	77%

<b>Open Seats</b>	<b>'02</b>	<b>'04</b>	<b>'06</b>	<b>'08</b>
Total # of Open Seats	56	63	46	51
Total # of Open Seat Candidates	122	132	97	105
# Open Seat CEC	85	109	76	93
% Using Clean Elections	70%	83%	78%	89%
# Open Seat CEC Elected	40	51	38	48
# Open Seat Traditional Elected	16	12	8	3
Success rate for Open Seat CEC	47%	47%	50%	52%
Success rate for Traditional	43%	50%	38%	25%
% Open Seats won by CEC	71%	81%	83%	94%
# Open Seat Candidates in Senate	20	31	14	17
# Senate Open Seat CEC	13	23	13	14
% Using Clean Elections	65%	74%	93%	82%
# Open Seat Candidates in House	102	101	83	88
# House Open Seat CEC	72	86	63	79
% Using Clean Elections	70%	85%	76%	90%

<b>Women and Men</b>	<b>'02</b>	<b>'04</b>	<b>'06</b>	<b>'08</b>
# Women in General	98	101	120	113
# CEC Women	68	86	100	99
% Women in General	26.5%	26%	31%	30%
% Women using Clean Elections	70%	85%	83%	88%
# Women Elected	50	44	57	55
% Women Elected	51%	43%	47.5%	49%
# CEC Women Elected	36	36	49	49
% CEC Women Elected	53%	42%	49%	49%
% of all Women Elected who used Clean Elections	72%	82%	86%	89%
# Men in General	271	290	269	261
# CEC Men	162	221	214	204
% Men in General	73.5%	74%	69%	70%
% Men using Clean Elections	60%	76%	79%	78%
# Men Elected	136	142	129	131
% Men Elected	50%	49%	48%	50%
# CEC Men Elected	61	109	107	109
% CEC Men Elected	38%	49%	50%	53%
% of all Men Elected who used Clean Elections	55%	77%	83%	83%

<b>Clean Election v. Traditional Candidates</b>	<b>'04</b>	<b>'06</b>	<b>'08</b>
# of Races with Traditional v. CEC	55	65	57 <sup>3</sup>
# of Candidates	129	144	121
# of CEC	68	75	64
Races won by CEC	29	38	37
Races won by Traditional	26	27	20
# Open Seat Races	17	19	11
# Open Seats won by CEC	8	11	9
# Seats with Incumbents	38	47	46
# Seats won by Incumbent CEC	18	23	28
# Seats won by Challenger CEC	3	4	2

<b>CEC v Traditional: Senate</b>	<b>'04</b>	<b>'06</b>	<b>'08</b>
# of Senate Races with Traditional v. CEC	9	10	12
# of Candidates	22	24	27
# of CEC	14	13	15
Races won by CEC	6	4	7
Races won by Traditional	3	6	5
# Open Seats	6	1	3
# Open Seats won by CEC	3	0	2
# Seats with Incumbents	3	9	9
# Seats won by Incumbent CEC	2	4	5
# Seats won by Challenger CEC (Traditional Incumbent lost)	1	0	0

<b>CEC v Traditional: House</b>	<b>'04</b>	<b>'06</b>	<b>'08</b>
# of House Races with Traditional v. CEC	46	55	45
# of Candidates	107	121	94
# of CEC	54	62	49
Races won by CEC	23	34	30
Races won by Traditional	23	21	15
# Open Seats	11	18	8
# Open Seats won by CEC	5	11	7
# Seats with Incumbents	35	37	37
# Seats won by Incumbent CEC	16	19	21
# Seats won by Challenger CEC	2	4 <sup>4</sup>	2

<sup>3</sup> In three of these races, the only traditionally funded candidate was a write-in candidate. In one of those races, the traditionally funded write-in candidate was the only opponent to the CE candidate; in the other two races, CE candidates represented both of the major parties, and there was a third write-in candidate privately funded.

<sup>4</sup> All 4 of these were races where a Clean Election Democrat defeated an incumbent Republican running traditionally